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INTERNATIONAL WHITE SLAVERY

"Most of the countries of Latin America, the Near East and Asia are still to be heard from.

"The information thus secured is, after a process of comparison and selection, made the basis for the purchase of the most important legal works of the respective foreign countries. It has been considered advantageous, upon the arrival in the library of a sufficient number of such works, to make public the resources of our foreign law collection. This undertaking is to consist of the preparation by the Law Librarian, of guides to foreign law and critical surveys of the important literature. The first publication, a guide to the law and legal literature of Germany, is to appear in February. The surveys for Austria-Hungary, France, Italy, Spain and the other countries of Europe are to follow, it being proposed to publish two or three monographs a year. These guides are to serve as introductions to foreign law for the American lawyer and as aids to investigators in finding the law. The enterprise has met with the heartiest endorsement of the Comparative Law Bureau of the American Bar Association."—Extract from the Report of the Library of Congress for 1910-11, Edwin M. Borchard, Library of Congress.

Mr. Borchard is now preparing a guide to the law and legal literature of Germany, which will make a monograph of about 170 pages. It is his plan to publish two monographs a year, taking up the European countries in the order of their importance.

R. H. G.

Picture Shows and Juvenile Crime.—One of the features of the discussion at the state conference of the New York State Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children and Animals was the moving picture evil. The committee which had the subject in charge reported in part as follows:

"It is not a rare sight to see boys and girls engaged in mimic holdups on the streets, following all the details of the moving picture shows. Amateur burglars have robbed houses exactly as portrayed by the pictures, and one cannot estimate the evil done through mock representations of bloodshed and crime.

"The report of the district attorney of New York for cases brought in the boroughs of Manhattan and the Bronx for the past eleven months shows the following crimes traced directly or indirectly to moving picture shows:

"Unmentionable crimes, 3; aggravated assaults, 32; attempted assaults, 6; abductions, 3; indecent assaults, 3; impairing the morals, 15—a total of sixty-two cases, on which there were forty convictions and thirty-two offenses committed to state's prison."

The picture show may be made an educational factor of great value to boys and girls in the congested districts of our cities, and for that matter in other districts as well. The real problem is, therefore, not how to suppress such exhibitions, but how to supervise and control them.

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"International White Slavery."—Under the above title The Light for January, 1912, publishes an address which was delivered by the Hon. James Bronson Reynolds, Assistant District Attorney for New York Citv, a recognized authority on the international white slave traffic, before the last Sixth International Purity Congress at Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Reynolds sets himself the problem of discussing facts regarding the warfare with this traffic in foreign lands, and to show our relations to this international struggle to anni-